HOUSE BILL No. 1340

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 36-8-2-3.

Synopsis: Town fire protection. Requires a town to provide fire protection and fire prevention services or to contract with another municipality, township, county, volunteer fire department, or fire protection district to provide fire protection and fire prevention services for the town. Allows the attorney general to seek a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 a day for each day the town fails to provide fire protection and fire prevention services. Requires any penalties to be deposited in the statewide fire and building safety education fund.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.





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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in this style type. Also, the word NEW will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in this style type or this style type reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 36-8-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. (a) A unit county, city, or township may establish, maintain, and operate a firefighting and fire prevention system and may provide facilities and equipment for that system.

- (b) A town shall:
 - (1) on its own; or
 - (2) by contracting with another municipality, a township, a county, a volunteer fire department, or a fire protection district in accordance with IC 36-1-7;

establish, maintain, and operate a firefighting and fire prevention system. A town may provide facilities and equipment for that system. The attorney general may seek in a civil action a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) a day for each day a town fails to comply with this subsection. The civil penalties collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the statewide fire and building safety education fund established by IC 22-12-6-3.



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